

REMARKS

Claims Pending

Claims 5-20 were pending and will remain so upon entry of the above amendments.

The allowance of claims 5-11 is noted with sincere appreciation.

Claim Rejections Under 35 USC 112

Claim 12 stands rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph. The reason given is that the dependency of claim 12 is unclear. The action asserts that claim 12 appears to be an independent claim, yet it refers back to claim 5 for the definition of R₆.

In response it is respectfully noted that claim 12 (prior to entry of the amendment presented herein) was a dependent claim, not an independent claim, which properly referred back to claim 5 for the definitions of R₅ through R9. It is respectfully asserted that the reason given for the rejection of claim 12 is thus improper.

Nevertheless, in the interest of advancing prosecution, claim 12 has been amended herein. As amended it is now an independent claim. The references back to claim 5 have been removed. The definitions for the groups R₅ through R9 found in claim 5 have been directly incorporated into claim 12, in place of the references back to claim 5. Clearly, this does not introduce new matter. Moreover, it is believed that this fully obviates the reason given for rejection of claim 12. The claim should now be allowed.

Claim Objections

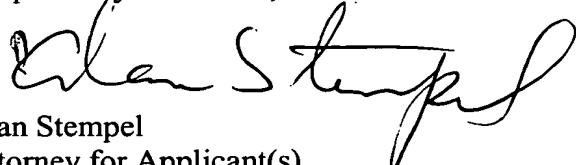
Claims 13-15 are objected to as improperly depending from both claims 5 and 12. Claims 13-15 have been amended to overcome this reason for objection. The references to claim 5 have been replaced by references to claim 12. Thus, claims 13-15 now depend only from claim 12 and no longer contain improper multiple dependencies. It has been possible to replace the references to claim 5 with references to claim 12 because the referenced matter from claim 5 has now been incorporated directly into claim 12. The objections to claims 13-15 should accordingly be lifted.

Claims 16-20 have been objected to as depending from a rejected base claim. It is believed that this basis for objection has been overcome by the amendments in claims made herein.

Summary

It is respectfully urged that the amended claims avoid all stated grounds for rejection and objection and are allowable. Thus, it is further urged that the application as amended is in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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- (1) Fee Transmittal (one page)
- (2) Substitute Specification